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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

RADULESCU ET AL.

Examiner

Raymond Phan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 April 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 3-8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

Part III DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant(s)

1. This action is responsive to the following communications: amendment filed on April 19, 2007.
2. This application has been examined. Claims 1, 3-9 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Emerson et al. (US Pub No. 2004/0103230) in view of Hayter et al. (US Pub 2002/0174252).

In regard to claim 9, Emerson et al. disclose the system on chip (i.e. SoC) comprising numbers of processing modules communicating within the chip (see figure 1, para 16-18) wherein the modules communicate via a SoC, the message between modules being exchanged over connection via a network (see para 35); wherein the connection supports transactions comprising outgoing messages from the first module to the second module and return messages from the second module to the first module (see para 35). But Emerson et al. do not specifically disclose wherein data exchanges by the first and second module can be dropped. However Hayter et al. disclose the system comprising a plurality of processing modules and wherein the communication between the modules can be dropped (see para 94). Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have combined the teachings of Hayter et al.

within the systems of Emerson et al. because it would reduce the loss of packets during the communication therebetween and more improved communication.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1, 3-8 are allowable over the prior of records.
6. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Claim 1 is allowable over the prior art of record because the prior arts, cited in its entirety, or in combination, do not teach wherein the interface means comprises a first dropping means for dropping data and wherein the dropping of data and therefore the transaction completion can be controlled by the interface means.

Response to Amendment

7. Applicant's arguments, see on pages 5-8, filed on April 19, 2007, with respect to the rejection of claim 9 under 35USC103(a) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Emerson et al. and Hayter et al.

Conclusion

8. Claim 9 is rejected. Claims 1, 3-8 are allowed.
9. The prior arts made of record and not relied upon are considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Calvignac et al. (US Pub No. 2003/010339) disclose a chip to chip interface for interconnecting chips.

Gadre et al. (US No. 7,165,128) disclose a multi-functional I/O organizer unit for multiprocessor multimedia chips.

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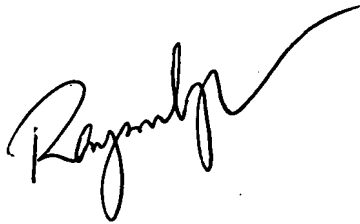
10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to examiner Raymond Phan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3630. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6:30AM- 4:00PM. The Group Fax No. (571) 273-8300.

Communications via Internet e-mail regarding this application, other than those under 35 U.S.C. 132 or which otherwise require a signature, may be used by the applicant and should be addressed to [raymond.phan@uspto.gov].

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the TC 2100 central telephone number is (571) 272-2100.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raymond Phan', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Raymond Phan
June 15, 2007